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Letter dated 27 October 1997 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations

Thank you very much for your letter of 24 October 1997. As I stated in my letter to you dated 24 October 1997, I can confirm that the substantive responsibilities for the Decolonization Programme will be maintained in the Department of Political Affairs.

To that end, a stand-alone "Decolonization Unit" with the necessary resources will be established in the Department of Political Affairs to provide substantive input for the work of the Special Committee of 24. The Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services will be responsible for the technical secretariat servicing relating to the Decolonization Programme, as outlined in my letter of 17 March 1997.

I am happy to reiterate my commitment to implementing subprogramme 1.6 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

I trust that the above points will clarify concerns expressed by interested delegations.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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